

**United States District Court  
Central District of California**

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA vs.

Docket No.

CR 15-00704 SJO

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Defendant GHANEM, Rami NajmSocial Security No. 2 8 9 2akas: Rami Najm Asad-Ghanem

(Last 4 digits)

**JUDGMENT AND PROBATION/COMMITMENT ORDER**

In the presence of the attorney for the government, the defendant appeared in person on this date.

MONTH	DAY	YEAR
August	19,	2019

**COUNSEL**H. Dean Steward, Benjamin L. Coleman and Michael S. Evans (Retained)

(Name of Counsel)

**PLEA**☐

GUILTY, and the court being satisfied that there is a factual basis for the plea.

☐NOLO  
CONTENDERE☒NOT  
GUILTY**FINDING**There being a finding/verdict of **GUILTY**, defendant has been convicted as charged of the offense(s) of:

22 U.S.C. §§ 2778(b)(2), (c), 22 C.F.R. §§121.1, 123.1, 127.1(a), (e), 18 U.S.C. §§ 2(a) and (b) (Count 1-Indictment)  
 22 U.S.C. §§ 2778(b)(1)(A)(ii), (c), 22 C.F.R. §§126.1, 127.1(b)(2) (Count 2 – FSI): Arms Export Control Act, Aiding and Abetting and Causing an Act to be Done as charged in Count 1 of the Indictment & Count 2 of the First Superseding Indictment; 18 U.S.C. § 554; 18 U.S.C. §§ 2(a), (b): Smuggling Goods Out of the United States, Aiding and Abetting and Causing an Act to be Done as charged in Count 2 of the Indictment; 18 U.S.C. § 1956(a)(2)(A): Money Laundering as charged in Counts 3 & 4 of the Indictment; 18 U.S.C. § 371: Conspiracy as charged in Count 1 of the First Superseding Indictment; 18 U.S.C. § 2332g: Conspiracy to Use and to Transfer Missile Systems Designed to Destroy Aircraft as charged in Count 3 of the First Superseding Indictment.

**JUDGMENT  
AND PROB/  
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ORDER**

The Court asked whether there was any reason why judgment should not be pronounced. Because no sufficient cause to the contrary was shown, or appeared to the Court, the Court adjudged the defendant guilty as charged and convicted and ordered that: Pursuant to the Sentencing Reform Act of 1984, it is the judgment of the Court that the defendant is hereby committed to the custody of the Bureau of Prisons to be imprisoned for a term of:

It is ordered that the defendant shall pay to the United States a special assessment of \$700, which is due immediately. Any unpaid balance shall be due during the period of imprisonment, at the rate of not less than \$25 per quarter, and pursuant to the Bureau of Prisons' Inmate Financial Responsibility Program.

All fines are waived as the Court finds that it will be too difficult to enforce payment of the fine in light of the sentence that the Court will impose.

The defendant shall comply with General Order No. 18-10.

Pursuant to the Sentencing Reform Act of 1984, it is the judgment of the Court that the defendant, Rami Najm Ghanem, is hereby committed on Counts 1, 2, 3, and 4 of the Indictment and Counts 1, 2, and 3 of the First Superseding Indictment to the custody of the Bureau of Prisons for a term of 360 months.

This term consists of the following: 240 months on count 1 of the Indictment; 120 months on count 2

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of the Indictment to run consecutive to the 240 months imposed on count 1 of the Indictment; 240 months on each of counts 3 and 4 of the Indictment to run concurrent to the 360 months imposed on counts 1 and 2 of the Indictment; 60 months on count 1 of the First Superseding Indictment; 240 months on count 2 of the First Superseding Indictment; 360 months on count 3 of the first superseding indictment. All sentences to run concurrent for a total sentence of 360 months.

The Court recommends that the Bureau of Prisons conduct a mental health evaluation of the defendant and provide all necessary treatment.

Upon release from imprisonment, the defendant shall be placed on supervised release for a term of five years. This term consists of three years on each of Counts 1, 2, 3, and 4 of the Indictment and Counts 1 and 2 of the First Superseding Indictment; and five years on Count 3 of the First Superseding Indictment, all such terms to run concurrently under the following terms and conditions:

1. The defendant shall comply with the rules and regulations of the United States Probation & Pretrial Services Office and General Order 18-10, including the conditions of probation and supervised release set forth in Section III of General Order 18-10.
2. The defendant shall not commit any violation of local, state, or Federal law or ordinance.
3. The defendant shall refrain from any unlawful use of a controlled substance. The defendant shall submit to one drug test within 15 days of release from custody and at least two periodic drug tests thereafter, not to exceed eight tests per month, as directed by the Probation Officer.
4. The defendant shall participate in an outpatient substance abuse treatment and counseling program that includes urinalysis, breath and/or sweat patch testing, as directed by the Probation Officer. The defendant shall abstain from using alcohol and illicit drugs, and from abusing prescription medications during the period of supervision.
5. The defendant shall not obtain or possess any driver's license, Social Security number, birth certificate, passport or any other form of identification in any name, other than the defendant's true legal name, nor shall the defendant use, any name other than his true legal name without the prior written approval of the Probation Officer.
6. The defendant shall cooperate in the collection of a DNA sample from the defendant.
7. The defendant shall submit his or her person, property, house, residence, vehicle, papers, computers [as defined in 18 U.S.C. § 1030(e)(1)], cell phones, other electronic communications or data storage devices or media, office, or other areas under the defendant's control, to a search

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conducted by a United States Probation Officer or law enforcement officer. Failure to submit to a search may be grounds for revocation. The defendant shall warn any other occupants that the premises may be subject to searches pursuant to this condition. Any search pursuant to this condition will be conducted at a reasonable time and in a reasonable manner upon reasonable suspicion that the defendant has violated a condition of his supervision and that the areas to be searched contain evidence of this violation.

8.

The Court advises the defendant of his right to appeal.

The Court recommends that the defendant shall be housed at a facility that can address the defendant's health conditions.

In addition to the special conditions of supervision imposed above, it is hereby ordered that the Standard Conditions of Probation and Supervised Release within this judgment be imposed. The Court may change the conditions of supervision, reduce or extend the period of supervision, and at any time during the supervision period or within the maximum period permitted by law, may issue a warrant and revoke supervision for a violation occurring during the supervision period.

August 19, 2019

Date

S. James Otero

U. S. District Judge/Magistrate Judge

It is ordered that the Clerk deliver a copy of this Judgment and Probation/Commitment Order to the U.S. Marshal or other qualified officer.

Clerk, U.S. District Court

August 19, 2019

Filed Date

By Victor Paul Cruz

Deputy Clerk

The defendant must comply with the standard conditions that have been adopted by this court (set forth below).

#### STANDARD CONDITIONS OF PROBATION AND SUPERVISED RELEASE

While the defendant is on probation or supervised release pursuant to this judgment:

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1. The defendant must not commit another federal, state, or local crime;
2. The defendant must report to the probation office in the federal judicial district of residence within 72 hours of imposition of a sentence of probation or release from imprisonment, unless otherwise directed by the probation officer;
3. The defendant must report to the probation office as instructed by the court or probation officer;
4. The defendant must not knowingly leave the judicial district without first receiving the permission of the court or probation officer;
5. The defendant must answer truthfully the inquiries of the probation officer, unless legitimately asserting his or her Fifth Amendment right against self-incrimination as to new criminal conduct;
6. The defendant must reside at a location approved by the probation officer and must notify the probation officer at least 10 days before any anticipated change or within 72 hours of an unanticipated change in residence or persons living in defendant's residence;
7. The defendant must permit the probation officer to contact him or her at any time at home or elsewhere and must permit confiscation of any contraband prohibited by law or the terms of supervision and observed in plain view by the probation officer;
8. The defendant must work at a lawful occupation unless excused by the probation officer for schooling, training, or other acceptable reasons and must notify the probation officer at least ten days before any change in employment or within 72 hours of an unanticipated change;
9. The defendant must not knowingly associate with any persons engaged in criminal activity and must not knowingly associate with any person convicted of a felony unless granted permission to do so by the probation officer. This condition will not apply to intimate family members, unless the court has completed an individualized review and has determined that the restriction is necessary for protection of the community or rehabilitation;
10. The defendant must refrain from excessive use of alcohol and must not purchase, possess, use, distribute, or administer any narcotic or other controlled substance, or any paraphernalia related to such substances, except as prescribed by a physician;
11. The defendant must notify the probation officer within 72 hours of being arrested or questioned by a law enforcement officer;
12. For felony cases, the defendant must not possess a firearm, ammunition, destructive device, or any other dangerous weapon;
13. The defendant must not act or enter into any agreement with a law enforcement agency to act as an informant or source without the permission of the court;
14. As directed by the probation officer, the defendant must notify specific persons and organizations of specific risks posed by the defendant to those persons and organizations and must permit the probation officer to confirm the defendant's compliance with such requirement and to make such notifications;
15. The defendant must follow the instructions of the probation officer to implement the orders of the court, afford adequate deterrence from criminal conduct, protect the public from further crimes of the defendant; and provide the defendant with needed educational or vocational training, medical care, or other correctional treatment in the most effective manner.

☐ The defendant must also comply with the following special conditions (set forth below).

### **STATUTORY PROVISIONS PERTAINING TO PAYMENT AND COLLECTION OF FINANCIAL SANCTIONS**

The defendant must pay interest on a fine or restitution of more than \$2,500, unless the court waives interest or unless the fine or restitution is paid in full before the fifteenth (15th) day after the date of the judgment under 18 U.S.C. § 3612(f)(1). Payments may be subject to penalties for default and delinquency under 18 U.S.C. § 3612(g). Interest and penalties pertaining to restitution, however, are not applicable for offenses completed before April 24, 1996.

If all or any portion of a fine or restitution ordered remains unpaid after the termination of supervision, the defendant must pay the balance as directed by the United States Attorney's Office. 18 U.S.C. § 3613.

The defendant must notify the United States Attorney within thirty (30) days of any change in the defendant's mailing address or residence address until all fines, restitution, costs, and special assessments are paid in full. 18 U.S.C. § 3612(b)(1)(F).

The defendant must notify the Court (through the Probation Office) and the United States Attorney of any material change in the defendant's economic circumstances that might affect the defendant's ability to pay a fine or restitution, as required by 18 U.S.C. § 3664(k). The Court may also accept such notification from the government or the victim, and may, on its own motion or that of a party or the victim, adjust the manner of payment of a fine or restitution under 18 U.S.C. § 3664(k). See also 18 U.S.C. § 3572(d)(3) and for probation 18 U.S.C. § 3563(a)(7).

Payments will be applied in the following order:

1. Special assessments under 18 U.S.C. § 3013;
2. Restitution, in this sequence (under 18 U.S.C. § 3664(i), all non-federal victims must be paid before the United States is paid):
  - Non-federal victims (individual and corporate),
  - Providers of compensation to non-federal victims,
  - The United States as victim;
3. Fine;
4. Community restitution, under 18 U.S.C. § 3663(c); and
5. Other penalties and costs.

### **CONDITIONS OF PROBATION AND SUPERVISED RELEASE PERTAINING TO FINANCIAL SANCTIONS**

As directed by the Probation Officer, the defendant must provide to the Probation Officer: (1) a signed release authorizing credit report inquiries; (2) federal and state income tax returns or a signed release authorizing their disclosure and (3) an accurate financial statement, with supporting documentation as to all assets, income and expenses of the defendant. In addition, the defendant must not apply for any loan or open any line of credit without prior approval of the Probation Officer.

The defendant must maintain one personal checking account. All of defendant's income, "monetary gains," or other pecuniary proceeds must be deposited into this account, which must be used for payment of all personal expenses. Records of all other bank accounts, including any business accounts, must be disclosed to the Probation Officer upon request.

The defendant must not transfer, sell, give away, or otherwise convey any asset with a fair market value in excess of \$500 without approval of the Probation Officer until all financial obligations imposed by the Court have been satisfied in full.

These conditions are in addition to any other conditions imposed by this judgment.

**RETURN**

I have executed the within Judgment and Commitment as follows:

Defendant delivered on \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_  
Defendant noted on appeal on \_\_\_\_\_  
Defendant released on \_\_\_\_\_  
Mandate issued on \_\_\_\_\_  
Defendant's appeal determined on \_\_\_\_\_  
Defendant delivered on \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_  
at \_\_\_\_\_  
the institution designated by the Bureau of Prisons, with a certified copy of the within Judgment and Commitment.

United States Marshal

By \_\_\_\_\_  
Deputy Marshal

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

**CERTIFICATE**

I hereby attest and certify this date that the foregoing document is a full, true and correct copy of the original on file in my office, and in my legal custody.

Clerk, U.S. District Court

By \_\_\_\_\_  
Deputy Clerk

\_\_\_\_\_  
Filed Date

**FOR U.S. PROBATION OFFICE USE ONLY**

Upon a finding of violation of probation or supervised release, I understand that the court may (1) revoke supervision, (2) extend the term of supervision, and/or (3) modify the conditions of supervision.

These conditions have been read to me. I fully understand the conditions and have been provided a copy of them.

(Signed) \_\_\_\_\_  
Defendant Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
U. S. Probation Officer/Designated Witness Date